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2.30 p m. Fiyer for Rutland, Burlington, Mon-

treal and Oudensburg. Pullman parior car to Montreal. 6:15 p m — Local Passenger for Rulland, Bur-lington and Intermediate stations. Trains from Rutland arrive at Bennington 200 a.m., 12-46, 3-40 and 8:10 p.m. Trains from Troy strive at 12:45, 8:25 and 9:30 a.m., 3:00, 4:35 and 6:45 p.m.

CHATHAM DIVISION. 8:10 a m-Passenger for Chatham and New York. 5:50 p m-Passenger for Chatham. Trains arrive from Chatham at 11:05 a. m. and

5:15 p. m.

6:15 p. m.

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WOOD'S PROMOTION.

Secretary Root Sends General's Record to Proctor.

BOTH PRESIDENTS APPROVED OF HIM

No Officer Below Grade of Major General Has Ever Held More Important Commands or Rendered More Distinguished Service.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.-The letter of Secretary Root to Senator Proctor, acting chairman of the committee on military affairs, giving a resume of the military record of General Leonard Wood and stating the chief considerations which led to his nomination as a major general has been made public.

After quoting from remarks commendatory to General Wood made by Generals Miles, Lawton, Graham and Forsythe the letter recites that "upon these and similar evidences of fitness President McKinley appointed Captain Wood colonel of the First volunteer cavalry in May, 1898."

The secretary also quotes from the commendations of Generals Young, Wheeler, Sumner and Shafter on Genera! Wood's conduct in the Santiago campaign and says General Wood's appointment as commander of the Santiago province appears to have been based upon a statement made by General Shafter in a dispatch to the department, in which he said he "thought General Wood by far the best man to leave in command of Santiago."

The secretary reviews General Wood's subsequent military career, saying in

"The high estimate put by the secre tary of war upon General Wood's services as military governor is shown in the published orders of the war department, as the opinions expressed in those orders were the opinions of both presidents under whom the service was

"Upon a review of General Wood's entire military record I think it fair to say that no officer of the American ar my below the grade of major general has held more important commands, rendered more distinguished service or demonstrated to a higher degree the possession of the qualities which fit a man to render valuable services to the country as major general."

"Previous rank," continues the secre tary, "is of little consequence provided the service shall have been long enough to furnish the requisite experience and make the demonstration of capacity

The secretary says he thinks both considerations unite in the case of General Wood and concludes by saying that General Wood's record and the views of public policy led President McKinley to appoint him a brigadier general and that the present nomination is in the regular order of seniority

Found a Needle In His Spine. TROY, N. Y., Dec. 21.-Henry F. Boardman, a wealthy citizen of Troy. had a peculiar experience Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Boardman were at the Waldorf-Astoria, in New York, Mr. Boardman while stepping into a cab felt a sudden sharp pain shoot through ing the shock resembled paralysis, and, greatly alarmed, Mr. Boardman returned to the hotel. Dr. Adams was summoned. On making an incision in the neck the physician discovered a Mr. Board man could not explain its presence

Kniser's "Preposterous Claims." LONDON, Dec. 21.—Considerable resent, out is shown in the English press over the reference to Waterloo made by Emperor William at a banquet in Hanover in honor of the anniversary of the Hanoverian regiments, when the emhealth of the German legions in mem-Prussians, rescued the English army Chronicle, the Standard and other papers protest against what the Chronicle calls the emperor's "prepasterous for court.

Two More Churred Bodies Found. NASHVILLE, Tenn., 1sec. 21.-Two the rains of Rust dormitory of Walden university. The list of known dead now numbers nine, and two students those injured by jumping from the burned building are in a critical condition, but no additional deaths have

McClellan After His Futher's Home. WEST ORANGE, N. J., Dec. 21.-1t is reported here that George B. McClel- 21.—Red Cloud is dying in a tepee in lan, mayor elect of New York, wishes a corner of the yard surrounding the to regain possession of the home of his little wooden house which the governfather, the late General George B. Me- ment built for him here many years Clellan, which is situated on the mountain side. It is aid that Mr. McClel- most blind, scarcely able to hear and lan looks upon this place as a good one: In which to entertain his friends.

Peru Recognizes Panama WASHINGTON, I've. 21.—The fact of Peru's recognition of Panama was first communicated to the state department by Dr. Calderon, the Peruvian minister. Later came a cablegram from Mr. Neill, the United States charge and secretary of legation at Lima, stating that the Peruvian government had appointed a consul to Panama.

Tried to Kill Max Nordan. PARIS, Dec. 21.-A miserably clad man fired two shots from a revolver at Max Nordau, the litterateur and vice president of the Congress of Zionists, at a Zionist ball at the Salle Charras. One of the shots grazed Nordau, while the second wounded a guest.

AMATEUR CARSMEN.

Championship Meet to Be Held at Louis In 1904. NEW YORK, Dec. 21.-At a special meeting of the executive committee of the National Association of Amateur

Oarsmen held here at the Murray Hill hotel those present were: James Pilkington, president, New

York; F. R. Fortmeyer, secretary, New York; John O'Regan, New York; Judge James G. Tighe, Brooklyn; C. W. Preisendanz and G. S. Carrigan, Philadelphia; C. R. Zappone, Washington; Walter Stimpson and J. P. Fox. Boston; H. W. Garfield, Albany, N. Y., and G. Schaab, St. Louis,

These compose the entire committee with the exception of C. S. Catlin, Chi-

championship races in St. Louis, and the dates suggested are Friday and Saturday, July 29 and 30, subject to an agreement with the Canadians.

Mr. Schaab of St. Louis stated that his clubs were amply prepared for the regatta and have a fund of \$3,500 for that purpose.

Yale and New York In Draw Game. NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Honors were easy in the hockey game between teams representing Yale and the New York Athletic club at the St. Nicholas rink, each side scoring three goals. The New Haven collegians, considering the fact that they were at a decided disadvantage in weight, made an excellent showing and in the first half led their opponents by one point.

Adelphi Girls Defeated.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.-Before an unusually large crowd in the Normal ollege gymnasium, Park avenue and Sixty-eighth street, the Adelphi colege girls' basket ball team of Brooklyn was defeated here by the Normal college alumns: team by a score of 15

FAMILY EXTERMINATED.

Machinist, Despondent, Killed Himself and Family.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 21.-Roscoe W. Derby, a machinist and about forty-five years old, exterminated his famfly here by shooting his wife, his three children and then himself. The crime is believed to have been due to despondency over the impoverished condition of the family purse and the near approach of Christmas.

The crimes were extraordinary in their thoroughness, and there was pyldently no mishap in their enactment The wife was killed first while sleeping at her husband's side in bed. Two of the children were killed as they ran hither and thither through the house in the darkness of early morning endeavoring to escape their merciless parent. The third child was killed in its bed after his elder brother and sister had been killed.

A number of pool room race checks were found about the house, showing that Derby had been trying his luck

Was It "Jack the Rippert"

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. - "Jack the Ripper," alive and at work among the able, degraded women of the Cherry Hill region, this city, is now feared to be a fact. The frightfully murilated body of a dissolute woman was found lying upon a bed in a cheap dive at the corner of Water street and James slip, while the surroundings were exactly such as were always found when the London constabiliary were called upon to take charge of one of the victims of Stock the Ripper were of the indescribably atrocious sort that this unknown field always com- Hawks Block, Main St. Opp. M. F. Church mitted, and her companion, the supposed slayer, answers to the London description.

Saved Negro From Lynching.

NORFOLK, Va. Dec. 21 To save harles Bynum, a negro, from lymblag Justice Morris of Drayer, Val., heaf peror said he raised his glass to the court at 3 a. m. by the light of the fire ory of their incomparable deeds which, Bynean is conred with having burner in conjunction with Blucher and the Line sain of John L. Bond. In the fire several time florses and a number of from destruction at Waterion. The vehicles and farm implements, togeth er with several thousand pounds of cotton, were destroyed. He was held

Chang Yi Was a "Grafter."

TIENTSIN, China, Dec. 21.-The reason for the degredation of Chang Ymore charred bodies were taken from director of the Northern rallway, and the taking from him of all his honors is that in 1900 he sold the valuable mines at Kaiping. Chang Yi has been are yet unaccounted for. Several of given two months' grace, during which he is expected to again bring the mine under Chinese control. Should be fail to do this further punishments await

The Passing of Red Cloud. PINE RIDGE AGENCY, Nob., Dec. ago. He is eighty-five years old, albroken in health and spirit. His once alert mind is beclouded and feeble. Death is likely to occur at any hour.

Fireman Held as Firebug.

KEENE, N. H., Dec. 21.-Fred P. Amadon, a fireman, has been arrested here charged with incendiarism. The arrest follows an investigation into the origin of three small fires that broke out during the night and which the police say were set. The city has been terrorized by an incendiary who has for some time escaped detection.

Moyer, the Tower Murder Suspect. WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Dec. 21 .-Edward Moyer, arrested at Sunbury on suspicion of being implicated in the murder of W. H. Glendennin at Brown's tower, has been taken to Lock Haven, where he will have a hearing.

BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly For Busy Readers

Mr and Mrs Lanier of Boston are visiting in town.

J. T. Remington was in Manchester on business Monday.

Miss Jessie Potter went to Troy Monlay for a weeks visit.

Dr Pierce of Manchester was at Dr H. J. Potter's over Sunday. Miss Mamie Barron of Nashwa, N.

H., is visiting Rev Father Barron. W. A. Austin has been confined to

the house the past week with the Grip. Miss Georgiana Austin leaves Mon day for a two weeks visit with relatives in Watervliet.

J. W. Flagler of New York, well known to many Bennington people, spent Sunday in town.

J. G. Harwood, the eyesight specialist, who has been confined to his bed since Dec. 12, with an attack of pneumonia, is improving.

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